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Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed December 23, 2003, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on March 23, 2004. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.